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Sent: Thur 1/16/2014 4:23:45 PM
Subject: FW: Eastman Crude MCHM - 4-methylcyclohexanemethanol

Start from the bottom for DuPont work

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From: Markiewicz, Karl
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2014 7:41 AM
To: loc3@cdc.gov
Cc: Werner, Lora; Kelly, Jack (R3 Phila.)
Subject: Fw: Eastman Crude MCHM - 4-methylcyclohexanemethanol

Hello Larry,

I tried sending this multiple times yesterday (sorry if rec'd already) but BB having some issues.

Obviously not the most rigorous odor threshold evaluation but its gets us in the ballpark.

Karl

From: Ex. 4 - CBI
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2014 4:11:37 PM
To: Markiewicz, Karl
Subject: RE: Eastman Crude MCHM - 4-methylcyclohexanemethanol

That sounds like a good starting point Karl. About half the test subjects (n=15) responded that

they couldn't smell, or weren't sure if they were smelling something at that level. They were then presented a 1 ppm sample and all subjects reported they could smell it. My Lab Techs have reported about the same experience. Samples analyzed at 0.1 ppm or less are essentially odor free. My wife absent mindedly did a taste test at 0.4 ppm taking some medication this morning. She reported that it still had a lingering solvent taste.

Ex. 4 - CBI

From: Markiewicz, Karl [<mailto:Markiewicz.Karl@epa.gov>]

Sent: Monday, January 13, 2014 12:49 PM

To: Ex. 4 - CBI

Subject: RE: Eastman Crude MCHM - 4-methylcyclohexanemethanol

Hello Ex 4 - CBI,

I think I see light at the end of the tunnel – hopefully not a train.

I just spoke with Steve Green (Eastman) and he thought you'd developed a provisional odor threshold for mixture of 0.1 ppm. I assume it's for the licorice odor.

We're anticipating that when "all clear" is given people might sense an odor and have questions. We'd like to be able to develop a message in anticipation of that event. Something like "Based on observational reports, the data suggests that odors might be detected at concentrations of Crude MCHM at approximately 0.1 ppm (100 ppb). This provisional odor threshold is below the health-based screening number of 1.0 ppm."

Sincerely,

Karl

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From: [Ex. 4 - CBI]
Sent: Sunday, January 12, 2014 9:55 AM
To: Markiewicz, Karl
Subject: RE: Eastman Crude MCHM - 4-methylcyclohexanemethanol

No problem.

From: Markiewicz, Karl [<mailto:Markiewicz.Karl@epa.gov>]
Sent: Sunday, January 12, 2014 9:53 AM
To: [Ex. 4 - CBI]
Subject: Re: Eastman Crude MCHM - 4-methylcyclohexanemethanol

Thanks [Ex. 4 - CBI]

Is it OK to share your email with an EPA ERT chemist (Dave M) who is working on air issues associated with this release. We're all anticipating "air" questions and Dave is one of the air experts with ERT.

Sincerely,

Karl

From: [Ex. 4 - CBI]
Sent: Sunday, January 12, 2014 9:44:42 AM
To: Markiewicz, Karl
Subject: RE: Eastman Crude MCHM - 4-methylcyclohexanemethanol

Hi Karl,

I haven't had time to do an official MDL study, but component peaks have about a 2:1 s/n at the 0.01 ppm level, and matrix spikes and duplicates all look real good. To give ourselves a little leeway however, I have set our reporting limit as 0.1 ppm.

Levels in the feed to the water company plant are down at that level. The water exiting the plant is still between 0.5 and 1 ppm. It's hard to explain to some folks how activated carbon equilibria works. We're getting there.

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From: Markiewicz, Karl [<mailto:Markiewicz.Karl@epa.gov>]
Sent: Sunday, January 12, 2014 7:08 AM
To: Ex. 4 - CBI
Cc: lkw9@cdc.gov
Subject: Re: Eastman Crude MCHM - 4-methylcyclohexanemethanol

Thabk Ex. 4 - CBI

Not problem - I know how hectic these responses are. I've seen emails indicating that the DL for MCHM is 10 ppb.

You guys are doing a great job and we appreciate all the support and effort.

Sincerely,

Karl

From: Ex. 4 - CBI
Sent: Sunday, January 12, 2014 3:31:01 AM
To: Markiewicz, Karl
Cc: lkw9@cdc.gov
Subject: RE: Eastman Crude MCHM - 4-methylcyclohexanemethanol

Hello Karl,

I started this reply once before and got pulled away. At this point I have had little time for anything other than monitoring of the primary component 4-methylcyclohexanemethanol. Besides setting up additional GC's in my lab, preparing standards for contract lab evaluation, preparing odor profile standards for multiple groups, and trying to keep up with the ever increasing sample load, I have also been assisting three National Guard Mobile units in setting up the analysis on their equipment (with limited success).

Some air monitoring samples on activated charcoal would have been nice to look at. Reports coming to me as my lab techs rotate in and out, are that recent rains have almost completely eliminated the odor downtown. A lost opportunity to study some dispersion patterns???

Barry Lindley (another chemist at the site) and I have had much the same suspicion as to the various odors.

Maybe once the dust settles I can go back and rehash the data.

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From: Markiewicz, Karl [<mailto:Markiewicz.Karl@epa.gov>]
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 2:42 PM
To: Ex. 4 - CBI
Cc: lkw9@cdc.gov
Subject: Eastman Crude MCHM - 4-methylcyclohexanemethanol

Hello Ex. 4 - CBI

I'm a toxicologist with CDC/ATSDR and involved with the WV spill response. I was given your email from a member of the response team within EPA.

I understand that you've developed the analytical standard and methods for 4-methylcyclohexanemethanol and maybe for all the components of the mixture. Can you provide detection limits for 4-methylcyclohexanemethanol and others if available?

We believe the licorice odor is related to the *4-(MethoxyMethyl) cyclohexaneMethanol* (98955-27-2) in the mixture. Its my understanding that as time has progressed the licorice odor has diminished and a sweet (alcohol?) odor is now detectable. Do you think the ether has dissipated and now the alcohols are predominated the odor profile?

Eastman Crude MCHM

Weight %	Component	CAS Registry No.
68 . 89%	4-methylcyclohexanemethanol	34885-03-5
4 – 22%	4-(methoxymethyl)cyclohexanemethanol	98955-27-2
4 – 10%	water	7732-18-5
5%	methyl 4-methylcyclohexanecarboxylate	51181-40-9
1%	dimethyl 1,4-cyclohexanedicarboxylate	94-60-0
1%	methanol	67-56-1
1-2%	1,4-cyclohexanedimethanol	105-08-8

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